

# TURNED ASIDE QUICKLY

## EXODUS 32

Text: Exodus 32:8

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<sup>8</sup>They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Introduction:

## **1. THEY NEEDED TO REMEMBER THEIR PAST**

### **Exodus 32:1**

<sup>1</sup>And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

- A. The distance they had come – out of Egypt
- B. The difficulties they were facing – we wot not what is become of him
- C. The demand they made – Make us gods

## 2. THE NEEDED TO REMEMBER GOD'S PROVISIONS

### Exodus 32:3-4

<sup>3</sup> And all the people brake off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron. <sup>4</sup> And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

#### A. Source of their prosperity

### Exodus 3:21-22

<sup>21</sup> And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: <sup>22</sup> But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

#### B. Sacrifice of their possessions

##### 1. God had a purpose for these possessions

### Exodus 35:20-22

<sup>20</sup> And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. <sup>21</sup> And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. <sup>22</sup> And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered *offered* an offering of gold unto the LORD.

2. These people misused their possessions

### 3. THEY NEEDED TO REMEMBER GOD'S PURPOSE

A. They had rejected God's Word

#### **Exodus 20:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>And God spake all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup>Thou shalt have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: <sup>5</sup>Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

B. They refused to do God's Will

1. They corrupted themselves

2. God didn't claim them